

## Underhill Energy Committee

### Minutes

12/11/2019

- **In attendance:** Peter Bennett (PB), Michael Oman (MO), Ruth Julianelle (RJ), Dwight DeCoster (DD), Steve Webster (SW)
- **Recorder:** Steve Webster
- **Meeting came to order @ 6:31 PM**
- **Note:** Action items in red
- UEC Website
  - SW is working on an EV (electric vehicle) white paper
  - RJ is working on website content
  - 3 Initial Postings
    - Introduction
    - Where is E (energy) coming from and where is it going?
    - The language of energy
    - Greenhouse Gases
  - RJ will send Word docs to SW, who will convert to Google Docs
  - All will comment on the docs
- Net Metering
  - Some contend that consumers' electric bills are increasing at least in part due to net metering incentives
  - Question: How much impact have incentives actually had in promoting solar projects?
    - Homeowners
    - Developers
  - How much impact have incentives had on increasing the cost of electricity?
    - PB will contact VEC to see if they have an analysis
    - Should we talk to the author of the [VT Digger article](#)?
- Button Up Program
  - Over 500 households statewide signed up for walkthroughs; 6 in Underhill
  - UEC was involved in 2 workshops
  - "Bad" weather significantly impacts attendance at workshops
- JETF will show the movie *Last Tracks* at DRML on January 23 at 7:00 PM
  - [Flier](#)
  - [Introduction](#)
  - [Trailer](#) (2:37)
  - [Full Movie](#) (35:27)
- UEC will sponsor a Heat Pump Workshop in February
- Proposal to purchase a blower door
  - Easily transportable in a car
  - Blower door test: Start to finish in < 1 hour
  - Eagle Scout Project? Liability issues?
  - MMUHS service projects

- Connect with MMUHS students
  - DD will talk to Mike Weston and RJ will talk with teachers to explore options
  - PB will talk to Brian about having a student member of UEC
  - PB will talk to Kurt Johnson re possible student members
- Selectboard meeting 1/19
  - SW will attend to discuss UEC budget proposal
  - Budget \$4000 for blower door and infrared camera
- Energy Plan
  - We have concerns about the accuracy of some of the numbers in the plan
  - Given the problems of carbon emissions of large-scale biomass projects, we recommend that use of biomass on a large scale not be promoted by Underhill energy plan. (PB moved /RJ seconded)
  - MO will work on energy plan
- January Agenda Items
  - Marketing educational events
    - Build a mailing list?
- Adjourned 8:11 PM (PB moved)